

RESOLUTION NO. 75-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VISTA, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING THE GENERAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF VISTA BY
ADDING A SAFETY ELEMENT THERETO

PLANNING CASE NO: 74-63
ENVIRONMENTAL NO: E 74-152

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Vista has adopted the General Plan of the City of Vista, as amended; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 1975, the Planning Commission of the City of Vista duly adopted Resolution No. 75-49 recommending to the City Council the amendment of the General Plan of the City of Vista by adding the Safety Element thereto; and

WHEREAS, the contents of a duly certified Environmental Impact Report was read and considered prior to acting on the amendment; and

WHEREAS, Section 65357 of the Government Code provides for the amendment of the General Plan or any part or element thereof by resolution of the legislative body of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Vista amends the General Plan of the City of Vista, as follows:

1. That the General Plan of the City of Vista is hereby amended by adding thereto a Safety Element consisting of a text identified as the "City of Vista General Plan - Safety Element," the original of which is on file in the office of the Director of Planning of the City of Vista, and a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and by this reference, incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

2. The overriding considerations in approving the amendment despite the environmental impacts are as follows:

A. The State mandates adoption of a Safety Element.

B. The Element will have a beneficial impact on the environment.

3. The City Clerk is directed to endorse and sign the said referenced to text identified as "City of Vista General Plan - Safety Element" to indicate the adoption of this resolution by the City Council as provided in Government Code, Section 65359, and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Planning Commission and the Director of Planning of the County of San Diego.

1 4. The General Plan previously approved by the City Council is set aside
2 and modified to the extent it is in conflict with the text adopted by
3 Paragraph 1 hereof; and, except as amended and modified by this resolution,
4 the General Plan of the City of Vista, as amended, shall remain in full
5 force and effect.

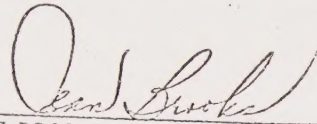
6 PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the
7 City of Vista, held on the 12th day of May , 1975, by the following vote:

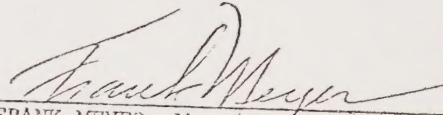
8 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Tracy, McClellan, Foo, Mihalek and Meyer

9 NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

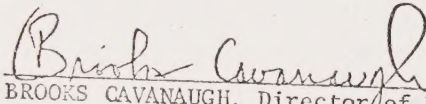
10 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None

11 ATTEST:

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13 JEAN BROOKS, City Clerk


FRANK MEYER, Mayor

15 CONTENTS APPROVED:

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17 BROOKS CAVANAUGH, Director of Planning Date 5-6-75
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SAFETY ELEMENT

B. PUBLIC PROGRAMS

1. Safety

The development of the community, no matter how carefully undertaken, will cause safety hazards, particularly with those problems that have been previously identified by the citizens of the community. Some of the most notable are: narrow winding streets, developments on easements, developments on steep slopes, insufficient street lighting, existing developments in flood hazard areas, and blighted or obsolescent unsafe buildings.

a. Police Protection

An increase in population virtually assures increases in the problems related to law enforcement, traffic on the previously mentioned roads, and crime that accompanies the increase in opportunities. Adequate facilities properly located are necessary to minimize the police problems caused by growth. Policies that would mitigate these problems are:

(1) Consider defensible space as a factor in design review. Defensible Space: Concept of urban space designed to inhibit crime by utilizing the proprietary concerns of residents. Key ingredients in designing defensible space include: improving the natural capability of residents to visually survey the public areas of their residential environment; enhancing spheres of territorial influence within which residents can easily adopt proprietary attitude; and enhancing safety through the strategic geographic location of intensively used community facilities.

(2) Continually monitor and seek means of reducing traffic accidents and reducing traffic violations through the continued operation of a traffic review commission.

b. Fire Protection

Community development increases problems of fire protection. The street system in addition to carrying traffic must also serve emergency vehicles. The effectual location of the fire stations depend on flexible street movement to reduce the response time for fire and ambulance calls. Many problems have and can further be averted through adequate preventive programs. The City, as policy, shall:

(1) Continue and improve fire code inspections in concert with building and housing code enforcement programs to eliminate hazards.

(2) Consider built-in fire protection as a cost effective integral factor in building design in respect to automatic sprinkler systems, fire detection and alarm systems, adequate fire exiting, use of fire resistant materials, and availability of easily accessible emergency reporting systems.

(3) Limit impact on community fire protection defences through limitation of required fire flows and potential fire losses.

(4) Maintain a public education and awareness program to abate all fire and safety hazards in the community.

c. Civil Defense

In the case of major disaster, the citizens of the Vista community will need to be well oriented if chaos is to be avoided. The continued functioning of both police and fire during any catastrophe must be assured. The most probable events that would have a disruptive effect on the community are: radiation accident, major transportation accident (airplane crash), fire, explosion, or collapse of a public building during occupancy, and/or earthquake, flood or landslide of major consequences.

To cope with the preceding disasters if they should occur, the following policies are established:

(1) Through proper preparation, assure that all emergency services can maintain continued operation in the event of disaster. This operation should be through existing facilities if possible; or if not possible, through emergency temporary facilities.


(2) Emergency hospital facilities should be able to be established in public buildings such as schools for the duration of the emergency. Such facilities to be coordinated by the Fire Department.

(3) Evacuation routes shall be established for present and future street systems to facilitate quick movement of people out of dangerous areas. These routes shall be established by the policing agency of the Vista community.

(4) Civil defense and disaster plans shall be coordinated with all appropriate jurisdictions including neighborhood communities, public utility agencies, and County, State, and Federal agencies. This coordination would permit the Vista community to use its emergency facilities for assisting neighboring jurisdictions that unfortunately are stricken by disaster, or conversely using neighboring community facilities for disasters occurring in the Vista area.

(5) The City of Vista Public Works Department shall identify all areas of flood hazard and distinguish them for the purpose of disaster and flood insurance qualification.

(6) Emergency contingency plans shall assure an adequate supply of potable water for human consumption and a sufficient reservoir of water available for fire protection in the case of disaster.



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(7) Public programs exhorting cooperation and appropriate civil conduct in the case of disaster shall be formulated by the appropriate agencies. Standard means of communication shall be established.

(8) Abatement of building hazards shall be accomplished through code enforcement and public education programs.

(9) Establish a program to train volunteer groups to augment community safety personnel in case of disaster.

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